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Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- 1) Transmittal Letter;
- 2) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement letter;
- 3) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
- 4) Supplemental Form PTO-1449 citing one (1) reference; and
- 5) Copy of one (1) cited reference.

The Commissioner, in connection with this matter, is specifically authorized to charge any required fee deficiency under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98. Please note the following particulars:

[NOTE: One only of items a, b, c, and d must be checked.]

a. The enclosed statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of a national application, or within three months of the date of entry into the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last.

b. The enclosed statement is being filed after a first action on the merits but before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113, or a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311.

The enclosed statement is accompanied by [check one]:  
 i. a certification in part (e) below as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), or  
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d. The enclosed statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(i), for placement in the file.

[  e. Certification [Check one] [Certification is required only if box (b)(i) or box (c) is checked.]

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or

[  g. I hereby certify that no item of information in the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, or, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.  
or

[  h. Appropriate certification is attached.

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[**XX**] g. A copy of the document is attached herewith with a completed Form PTO-1449.  
or

[  h. Copies of the documents are not attached as allowed under CFR 1.98(d)(1)(2). The earlier application is identified as: U.S. App SN 09/583,890, filed May 31, 2000, abandoned.

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97-1.99, the document listed on the attached Supplemental Form PTO-1449 is being brought to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. No fee is required for this submission because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

A completed Supplemental Form PTO-1449 and a copy of *The Merck Manual* reference are enclosed herewith. The Examiner is respectfully requested to cite the document listed on the attached Supplemental Form PTO-1449. In so doing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initial in the space adjacent to the listing of the document on the Supplemental Form PTO-1449, and

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return a copy of the initialed Supplemental Form PTO-1449 with the next communication to Applicants, to confirm that the document has been considered by the Examiner and made of record in this application.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, kindly telephone the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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## OTHER (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

	AP		The Merck Manual, 135-139 (17 <sup>th</sup> ed. 1999).				
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 Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered.  
 Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.